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We lose a visionary San Franciscan. – An international ideas competition for a new Paris Courthouse. – Another take on Dubai's "Ali Baba-meets-the-Jetsons" aesthetics. – A few different takes on Gehry's Guggenheim for Abu Dhabi. – Kaplan gets a comeback from developer on Grand Avenue comments. – What Melbourne needs now to be the world's most liveable city again. – On Friday, Nobel said Goodbye, Columbus, Indiana; today, King is most kind. – Minneapolis takes its place as mid-west design capital; cost-benefit analysis still to come. – In Luxembourg, Pei's new museum awaits a collection. – Chichester's new Pallant House Gallery is remarkable for any number of reasons. – Taniguchi to work his minimalist magic in Houston. – Renovation instead of restoration of Aalto's poetry reading room at Harvard draws some big-name ire. – Irish architects get London photography gallery gig. – Johnson's Glass House to open to the public. – English Heritage gets behind naming Brunel's Great Western Railway a world heritage site.

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[Obituary: Mario Ciampi, 99 -- visionary, award-winning architect. By John King](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[International ideas competition for master-planning the new Paris Courthouse: 3 €40,000 professional prizes, 5 €10,000 student prizes; deadline: October 16 \[in French, English, Spanish\]](#)- Établissement Public du Palais de Justice de Paris (EPPJP)

[Desert emirate of Dubai sprouts Vegas-like buildings: ...by turns jaw-dropping, horrifying, comical and impressive...applying specific architectural traditions to modern building types is tricky business...especially evident in skyscrapers with an Ali Baba-meets-the-Jetsons aesthetic.](#)- Star-Telegram (Dallas/Ft. Worth)

[Guggenheim to build museum in Abu Dhabi: Frank Gehry to design 300,000 sq ft building. Modern art shows will be sensitive to local culture](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Frank Gehry wonders whether he can top Bilbao: ...Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, or GAD, would be the most expensive yet...museum's building site now sits under water...to undergo a US\\$27 billion makeover to become the Emirates' cultural epicenter.](#)(AP)- China Post

[Abu Dhabi To Build Gehry-Designed Guggenheim Museum \(GAD\): ...will be built in the Cultural District of Saadiyat Island...which is being transformed into an international tourism destination.](#)- Property World Middle East (Dubai)

[Jewish architect builds Guggenheim's largest museum in booming Abu Dhabi: The project brought striking cultural juxtapositions: A museum named for a major Jewish-American family and designed by a Jewish-American architect would rise in the capital of an Arab country that refuses diplomatic ties with Israel.](#) -- Frank Gehry (AP)- Israel Insider

[Grand Objections: A Developer Takes Exception To a Column: ...an email response to what he felt was my putdown of his Related Cos. preliminary plans for the Grand Avenue project...as being styled by an enterprising Frank Gehry... By Sam Hall Kaplan](#)- LA Downtown News

[My kind of Melbourne: ...what the world's former 'most liveable city' needs now. The Sunday Age asked a group of prominent Melburnians - architects, artists, urban planners, developers, designers, the head of a health body, historians - for their thoughts.](#)- The Age (Australia)

[Columbus, Indiana, is just another bucolic Midwestern town..Quite unexpectedly, it also happens to have one of the country's most prized collections of buildings by modern masters.](#) By John King – Deborah Berke; Roche; Saarinen; Venturi; Meier; Polshek; Bassett/Skidmore Owings & Merrill; Pelli; Pei [images]- Dwell

[The making of a design Capital: New architectural icons that opened within the past eight weeks already look lived in...Minneapolis is now enjoying the fruit of past investment in the arts...still lacks a cost-benefit analysis of what type of arts investment is most effective... -- Jean Nouvel; Herzog & de Meuron; Cesar Pelli; Architectural Alliance; Michael Graves](#)- Minneapolis Downtown Journal

[Luxembourg Opens Grand Duke Jean Museum of Modern Art: The size and sober grandeur of I.M. Pei's new building in Luxembourg suggests a museum awaiting a collection — but at least the museum exists, something that at times seemed less than certain.](#)[images]- New York Times

[What, no books? Chichester now has its own miniature version of the British Library. But it's what's inside that makes it special...Pallant House Gallery...a remarkable gallery: old-fashioned in terms of craftsmanship, pioneering in terms of environmental engineering, a good neighbour to an important historic house... By Jonathan Glancey -- Colin St John Wilson/Long & Kentish; Arup; Christopher Bradley-Hole](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Simplicity is the key to Asia House: Yoshio Taniguchi...is set to work his minimalist magic in Houston.](#)[image]- Houston Chronicle

[Renovations to a Study Room by Aalto Splits Harvard Faculty: A renovation of a...poetry reading room designed by the Finnish architect...has drawn heated objections from architects and preservationists.](#) -- David N. Fixler; Einhorn Yaffee Prescott; Toshiko Mori; Frederic Schwartz; Kenneth Frampton [image]- New York Times

[O'Donnell + Tuomey to design new photography gallery in London](#)- Archiseek (Ireland)

[Resident under glass: Famed architect's home likely to open next spring: Philip Johnson's iconic Glass House will soon add a new feature -- a welcome mat...to open the home along with its extensive modern art collection to the public next spring.](#)- Stamford Advocate (Connecticut)

[God's Wonderful Railway on track to be world heritage site: Vital backing for bid to mark Brunel achievement. Great Western Railway London to Bristol line 'a breathtaking monument'](#)- Guardian (UK)

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